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Just can't get enough

by Kristine Thornly

"Just Can't get Enough" was the theme for Rez Orientation 1990, and it was true, we just couldn't get enough.

From the minute frosh and returning rez students pulled into the campus they were bombarded with posters and banners (a la Asha et al) that set the mood for one of the most exciting orientations rez has seen in years.

Monday afternoon frosh and the rest of rez were treated to a relaxing pool party behind F-block. The sun was shining, the music pumping, and the hamburgers were falling through the grill. Luckily, on the first day nobody had dry food yet so they couldn't be so picky if their hamburger was in four or five pieces. That night under the party tent was a toga/purple jesus party. It was a bit chilly, but an amazing party, all in all.

Tuesday's BBQ was a bit damp, but the food was served in one piece to a break of culinary genius by the orientation committee. The BBQ was followed by SEPTEMBERFEST where the party went on until the wee hours of the morning.

Wednesday was action packed. It started off with an A to Z orientation where the frosh were taken on a tour of the school.

Penelope (rez manager) and the Dons threw a corn roast on the A-block patio for dinner. This was followed by a rip roaring match of the Dating Game in the almost completed Rez Centre. That night the upper year students went to the Attic for a party while the frosh were brought to the first annual frosh initiation ceremony.

It's a secret ritual but just picture seventy candles in a row marching through the valley and throw in a lot face paint. They came up to the Attic at about 12:30 to mix with the upper years and dance til dawn. O.K. so it wasn't exactly dawn but it was a huge party that lasted way past my bed time.

Thursday of course had the token BBQ (nobody is going to eat anymore red meat this year). Thursday night was an extra special event because it was the first joint SCSC/SVC event. It took off with comedian Simon Codder in the meeting place followed with yet another BBQ and topped off with a performance by Corky and the Juice Pigs out on the H-wing Patio.

All in all, rez orientation was a complete success with really good turnouts each night. If orientation was any indication of what's in store for the rest of the year, rez students have an amazing year to look forward to.

Students dance to the Kokomo Beach Band. Review and photo on page 6

Scarborough FROSH paint the town

by Colin Campbell

Scarborough frosh attacked the downtown campus on Friday, September 7th for the annual S.A.C. orientation. Well over three hundred frosh out-chanted and out-lasted our Erindale rivals.

The festivities began at the S.A.C. carnival with Scarborough's event being a massive twister game. Several volunteers said that the event was a "tremendous success." As well the beer tent drew a lot of thirsty frosh. Scarboroughites could be heard chanting anti-Erindale cheers in the tent.

However, the highlight of the activities came when about one hundred and fifty Scarborough frosh marched down Bloor street to the Brunswick House. Here Scarborough and Erindale students could be seen having the time of their lives.

Bowser and Blue later played an excellent show while again our Scarborough frosh demonstrated their pride in Scarborough College.

The evening ended with the Satellites and Kid Creole playing at the Varsity. Jay Noranha, a Scarborough frosh said that "the Satellites were good but I wasn't thrilled with Kid Creole."

Michael Bayer from S.C.S.C. said that, "until Friday I had never seen such a tremendous amount of unity and spirit amongst Scarborough students."

FROSH graduate from basic training

by Michael Bayer

Orientation 90 (BASIC TRAINING) was a tremendous success this year with a record number of FROSH in attendance.

All FROSH who registered before Thursday received a full orientation package, including white coveralls. The white coveralls had Scarborough U of T, 90 Basic Training, printed on the backs.

Thursday night orientation went rather smoothly, and really got going when Corky and the Juice Pigs played the H-Wing cafeteria patio. They do an excellent job of insulting people in a humorous way.

When Scarborough College students arrived downtown on Friday afternoon for the S.A.C. orientation, all of the other colleges were more than envious. As one Jason Oliver was quoted saying "We out-classed everyone, especially Erindale."

Downtown, Scarborough students stuck together and gave Erindale a lesson in cheers and verbal abuse they won't soon forget, not to mention a good squirt with our many water guns.

All Scarborough students can be proud of their frosh's performance as a college on the St. George Campus.

The gauntlet which was held on Saturday afternoon, was an event which will remain in Scarborough Frosh's minds for years to come. The organizers did an excellent job.

Saturday night was the grand finale which featured the Kokomo Beach Band. It started off slowly but ended with a large crowd of over five hundred people. Orientation 90 definitely ended with a bang.

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Varsity handbook forgets to mention Scarborough College

by Peter Wenger
Scarborough Director Varsity Publications

Don't even bother picking up the Varsity Student Handbook. If you're a Scarborough Campus student you'll notice (or not notice) that there's not a single mention of our campus in the handbook.

The handbook is an informative guide that discusses issues affecting students and has listings of restaurants, live music and clubs, and other services available to University of Toronto students. That is, if you're a student at the St. George or Erindale campus. The only place in the handbook that Scarborough is even mentioned is just a couple of phone numbers in the Student Services and ETC... sections. Erindale campus got a one page review in the handbook, not great but at least they got something. Apparently no one even bothered to review things around Scarborough.

The facilities downtown overshadow what's available here at Scarborough, but to completely neglect an entire campus of the U of T is irresponsible in a publication that's supposed to be a definitive handbook for students for the entire year. Especially when each Scarborough student gives the Varsity a levy to help fund their publications.

What the handbook does offer Scarborough students is plenty of useless information, and a huge waste of paper (it's not even recyclable. They write 5 pages about the environment, then print on glossy paper, hypocrites).

Even worse, it's a slap in the face for every student who chose Scarborough College, University of Toronto.

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Changes to bring a breath of fresher air?

by Vanessa J. Daniel

The air has cleared. Scarborough College is no longer permitting administration, students, or faculty to smoke in the school. That means no smoking in the H-Wing cafeteria anymore.

So where can those who have not yet "broken free" go? Faculty and administration have their own lounges, but what about the students? They are literally left out in the cold. (Familiar with the phrase "take it outside?")

But of course there's always the Pub, or at least half of the Pub. The inner portion of the Attic allows smokers to exhaust their habits to the fullest. But what if you don't want to climb 15 billion stairs to go to the Pub to smoke, or can't get in? There are no other designated areas on Campus.

Administration and Scarborough College Students Council fused their minds to allocate space for smokers. Cathy Brownson (President of S.C.S.C.) suggested enclosing a section of the R-Wing cafeteria. Hopefully by the first week of October space on the fourth floor of the R-Wing will be properly ventilated and enclosed to accommodate student smokers on campus.

These restrictions were added and implemented as of September 10, 1990 by the Working Group of the University of Toronto.

Monitoring committees have been established on all three campuses Their objectives are to control and banish smoking in cafeterias, classrooms, work places, and in residences. Yes residences! The ones downtown, but not here. As of yet Scarborough and Erindale committees have yet to meet and enforce the law.

The Working Group comments that "the policy should not be to punish smokers, but to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke." Now isn't that a breath of fresh air!

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"It's been a long, hot summer and from the look of things it just might get hotter this winter."

GLOBAL WARMING

by Robert Leighton

This may sound like an irreverent one-liner from a stand-up comedian's act on environmentalism, but I think the heat from the greenhouse effect is beginning to get us. We're all acting like victims of heat stroke. It's been a long, hot summer and from the look of things it just might get hotter this winter.

Talk about Global Warming...

As you might recall (or maybe you don't, things fade from the press and from our minds so rapidly these days), we started out our summer with a small, but important incident concerning a young man, a speeding ticket, a four letter word and a policeman's gun. Concerned groups on both sides of the melanin curtain protested this apparently arbitrary and inappropriate action. Meanwhile, police officials and Toronto Sun devotees wondered what all the fuss was about, since nobody was even killed this time. Millions of newspapers were sold on the issue at the time, but we hear nothing about it just a few months later. But then, we all know how fast paper burns.

Even then, temperatures were indicating the coming of a hot summer. The same officials and Sunnees forecasted a heat wave during Caribana, but it never came. This was never remarked upon, although it deserved to be. Maybe they were distracted by the heat from other sources.

Maybe not.

At any rate, the heat grew. Any good leader knows that, not matter how hot the night, there's nothing like a good bonfire to distract people. Get people gathered in a circle, all singing the same songs and focusing their attention into the blaze and you can get away with almost anything in the darkness behind their backs. Our Prime Minister did just that very thing for us this summer, rubbing two cultures briskly together over a dusty document called the Constitution, until sparks flew and the Meech Lake inferno was ignited.

Oh, that was a terrific time. Everything else was forgotten about as each side of the campfire tried to out-sing the other in a rousing rendition of "Row-Row-Row your country, gently up the creek."

Bonfires have a way of getting out of hand, however Brian put too much fuel on the fire and a genuine crisis arose out of the artificial one. Before we knew what was happening, there was the possibility of an explosion that threatened to blow our country into two (or more) pieces.

Fortunately, we were saved by a group of courageous volunteer firefighters from the reservations of Manitoba, and some out-of-work fisherman from Newfoundland. After the fire was out, they passed around photos from their homes. The Federal relegation of Newfoundland to Third World Status within our borders made our Ontario/Quebec complaints seem petty. The holocaust of Canada's policy of institutionalized genocide in dealing with our Native populations, once admitted by the Federal Government in an attempt to weaken credibility towards Quebec's of a "distinct society," could not be extinguished. We came to the realization that our Meech bonfire was nothing but a piece of smouldering parchment, useless even for toasting marshmallows.

It was enough, however, to add sufficient insult to injury to create another hot spot in our country. As usual, our Native populations weren't even invited to our Meech Lake campfire, although theirs is the most "distinct society" of all; only partially by choice. In order to call attention to their plight and, perhaps, to get a little action rather than talk, road and rail blocks were set up.

Sadly, our money-media sources failed to focus their attention on the important issues of this crisis. We haven't seen the poor living conditions of life on Canada's apartheid reservations. We weren't shown how difficult it is for young Natives to get proper nutrition, let alone a chance at an education or a decent job. We weren't shown the predictably high rate of alcohol and drug abuse that comes with social degradation and enforced poverty.

What we did see were rifle-waving, kerchiefed warriors standing atop overturned police cars. We saw Russian (there ya go right there, Martha) assault rifles. We saw riots in the streets of formerly sleepy Quebecois towns, which have attracted every redneck and neo-Nazi within a thousand miles, not to mention our old friends the K.K.K. We saw these representatives of our "decent, law-abiding" white community re-enacting history as they beat and stoned Native men, women and children alike, while the servants of the Law stood idly by. We saw the death of a Surite Du Quebec officer, although we can't say "for sure" where the bullet came from, and it's not fair to make fun of the Surite even if they did screw up and get their butts kicked.

If I seem callous about this man's death, blame it on the heat; combined with the following: 1) if there was even the remotest chance that the bullet was fired by a Mohawk, it would have been on the front page of the Sun and other establishment publications long ago, and 2) when a Cherokee man was shot during altercation with police at a similar roadblock in the United States, the incident was shrugged off with the same "he got what he deserved for disrupting Law and Order" that the young, black speeding violator, mentioned above, received.

Sometimes, though, if you have a sense for irony, it can make you laugh. Our Prime Minister, talking out of alternate sides of his mouth, now in French, now in English (giving the Editing and Translation boys at C.B.C. a devil of a time) announced that he deplores the actions of Iraq, that no nation has the right to militarily invade another nation and that he pledged his fullest support for ol' Georgie boy in his "struggle for freedom".

In the next breath, he announced that he will be sending the Canadian Armed Forces into Oka, in order to settle this thing once and for all. Stressing that the troops were there to insure a "peaceful" solution with their tanks, artillery and automatic weapons, he declined to rule out the possibility of bloodshed.

Get it? Guns without bloodshed? "No nation has the right to use military force against another." Then he sends in the troops! What a guy! I tell you I laughed so hard I nearly cried. Don Rickles has nothing on our P.M. when it comes to insults to our intelligence.

Before we congratulate ourselves on the self-control we exhibited and the non-violent resolution of this crisis; before we clap ourselves on the back about Canadian sense and fairness, lets remember the following: 1) no Mohawk has committed an unprovoked act of violence throughout this affair; they have only defended themselves against aggression and, indeed, have ignored many attempted provocations

2) our government, who refused to negotiate "under threat of violence," has triumphed through a superior threat of violence, while simultaneously negotiating in bad faith

3) if anyone has shown restraint, it is the Mohawks themselves, if we compare their civil disobedience to the understandably more drastic actions of other peoples whose lands have been stolen by oppressive regimes; the Irish or Palestinians, for example.

4) This restraint cannot be expected to continue in the face of our government's strategy of alternately patronizing and lying or bullying and assaulting. We can only predict the indignant surprise and crocodile tears that would be expressed should the Native's non-violent approach change.

So... as it stands right now, we've had a potential Tianamen Square less than seven hundred miles from our Campus. We've had money and time being spent on a busy provincial election while our landfill sites overflow and our water thickens, and a nice, profitable war has started up the the U.S. Oil and War Machine Corporation.

What a summer! It's not the heat, it's the stupidity. Do you feel it?

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Comic swallowed up by cavelike Meeting Place

by Vanessa J. Daniel

Orientation was a blast this year. Organizers planned various events to initiate frosh and entertain upper year students.

Amongst the scheduled activities lurked comedian, Simon Codder. He performed Thursday September 6th to a less than assembled crowd. This lack of audience concentration combined with poor audio led to an evening of embarrassment.

Obviously Mr. Codder is funny because he brought down the house when his act played downtown. (Maybe we just couldn't hear him.) Distractions disturbed most of his routine leaving folk's attention drifting. At one point during the night, Simon managed to catch the ear of a couple of wandering students. Their responsive shouts re-assured the comic that people were actually out there. Perhaps next time we'll be able to hear the jokes and he the laughs.

Scarborough students party hearty at *Kokomo Beach* bash

by Lisa Dickerson

Saturday, September 8th Scarborough Campus was "treated" to the Kokomo Beach Band.

The beginning of the evening was pretty slow, but as the music and the beer flowed the evening slowly progressed to become something of a party.

With about five hundred people in attendance the event was clearly a success. Males in the crowd were treated to the "blond aerobic duo" who could not seem to get their act into synch or offer any sort of vocal back-up to the band. Females in the crowd were treated to all the Beach Boys you could tolerate in a single evening without wishing that you hadn't started drinking all that beer they were selling at the back of the room.

People seemed to begin having a good time near the end of the evening, but in all sound reasoning, the only way to explain this strange phenomena would be the closing receipts on beer and liquor. Maybe a few beers can change a person's perception of their surroundings.

The blond "aerobic duo" exercise on stage as the Kokomo band plays on.

Once upon a time there was a wasteland known as Scarberia. This waste land was desolate and barren, the inhabitants lived by their wits and their skills. Generally, their lives were very busy and dangerous, since they constantly fought against the weather, the savage animals of the area, and a pervading sense of boredom. Yes indeed, boredom was the real danger. These hearty people had no place to play, to socialize, or to just relax and enjoy themselves.

But, one day, a new inhabitant arrived. He brought with him the answer to the dreary lives of all Scarberians. He and his workers settled into a tiny corner of the vast wasteland and they proceeded to ply their trade with vigor and immense skill. What is this trade you might ask? Well, it involves all the ingredients needed to maintain and operate a magical industry based on providing for the deprived citizens of any large untamed area.

Two-tone (not his real name), and his able assistants D.J. Frazie Fraze and the fresh Scab (not their real names), were well versed in the art of quenching the thirst of a large population. They provided their new found flock with all sorts of icy cold beverages, assorted types of edibles, and an array of visual and audio displays.

Now, you may be wondering where to find this astonishing place and here it is: it is called THE ATTIC, it sits high above the mundane and the ordinary in the uppermost reaches of the mountain range known as the R-wing. You can join the growing ranks of believers any day during the week between noon and midnight. I implore you to make the odyssey to this magical and wondrous house of fun and games and people and beverages and food and.....

Juice Pigs incite laugh riot on H -wing Patio!

by Kristine Thornley

First, let it be known that Corky and the Juice Pigs will never be mistaken for Debby Boone. Corky and friends played September 6th on the H-wing patio in conjunction with the first SCSC/SVC (Student Village Council for the uninitiated) joint orientation night.

Corky and the Juice Pigs can be described as a musical/dancing comedy troupe whose offbeat sense of humour tends to border, and occasionally crosses, the fine line of good taste. But, if you came with an open mind and a demented sense of humour, the show was really hilarious.

Corky and the two guys comprising the Juice Pigs (which is which?) belted out such favourites as "Young and Stupid", "I'm a Trucker" and did an amazing impersonation of Suzanne Vega (how did that turtle get up there?). They also performed two skits of two Canadian game show hosts, two Japanese game show hosts and two dyslexic game show hosts. They topped off the show with their Solid Gold Dancer impersonation which resulted in a thrusting pelvis in this writers face.

All in all, Corky and the Juice Pigs put on a creative and unique show with some really witty lyrics in their songs.

Finally, in the words of Pete Wenger, rez student extraordinaire, "it was an amazing show and well worth the entertainment dollar for me and my whole family. Give me another beer."

Postcards From the Edge carries insufficient postage

by Carla Mulcahey

For an entertaining evening out-why not try Meryl Streep's new movie *Postcards From the Edge* from Columbia Pictures and directed by Mike Nichols. It's an interesting flick about self realization and coming of age. In contrast to Streep's past films it is quite light-hearted and humorous, although it does possess a more serious side, if one cares to look for it.

Streep plays a middle-aged actress with a drug problem. An overdose places her in a situation where she is forced to live with a 'responsible' guardian-who turns out to be her mother (Shirley MacClaine).

The two women must deal with unresolved conflicts.

The story is touching, but it seems like it should involve younger people. A middle-aged drug addict who accepts being forced to live at home under the supervision of her mother is a trifle far-fetched.

Streep, however, does an excellent job. As in all her movies, her character is well developed and thought out in detail. MacClaine also plays her part as a perfectly annoying mother very well.

If it's entertainment your looking for, sure go see it. But don't expect much more. Overall, it's a pretty average movie.

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